

Stake Tabernacle Preserved For Co. Historical Landmark



TABERNACLE SAVED!— Wasatch Stake's historic Tabernacle was "saved" in a meeting of the Stake Priesthood with the word from President David O. McKay stating that he desired that the building be preserved. Renovation of the building is planned.

New Two Ward Chapel Stake Center To Be Constructed by Stake

President David O. McKay of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints desires that the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle be preserved and that the new stake

center and two ward chapel be built on an alternate site.

President Hugh B. Brown, counselor to President McKay, made the announcement in a special Priesthood Meeting here Sunday evening.

President Brown met with Wasatch Stake presidency, members of the high council, Melchizedek and Aaronic priesthood members.

J Harold Call, president of Wasatch Stake, said the vote was unanimous to uphold President McKay's decision.

A deed to the tabernacle property will be issued to Heber City Corporation with the restriction that if the tabernacle and grounds aren't properly maintained, the property will revert back to the church.

Options on an alternate site be picked up immediately and will proceed with the construction of the new building, said President Call.

"Night Operator" Premiere Donate Funds to Drive

The "Night Operator," a 2 Melodrama presented by the Silver Lake Playmakers began a full summer run last Friday evening, July 2nd at the Silver Wheel in Park City.

The melodrama concerned a man with a telephone switchboard operator who lived in the fictional town of Lark City. The story revolved around the events of town as Lulu, the "Night Operator" saw them. The story itself had a great deal of similarity to the history of Park City.

The lyrics in the play were lightful and full of comedy. The music was outstanding and presented very well.

The premier performance was presented as a benefit for the Heber Tabernacle, and a large crowd was on hand to see the curtain rise on the delightful comedy. The entire proceeds from the production were turned over to the newly formed Wasatch Historical Society to put towards the money needed to purchase the Heber Tabernacle and to restore it for productions of this nature.

Historical Society Chairman Gives Thanks for Support

Now that the decision has been made by the First Presidency to preserve the Stake Tabernacle and build a new Stake Center on a new site, may we all forget our differences and join with the Stake Presidency to erect the new center on the site they have chosen.

While we are helping to erect the new center let's not lose sight of this beautiful structure that has been spared, that future generations might have physical evidence of the history and culture of our early church in this valley.

May we also thank our City officials for their foresightedness in securing these beautiful grounds and buildings that we all can enjoy them with our touring friends and neighbors the park facilities and entertainments that they will provide.

The Wasatch Historical Society (formerly Save the Tabernacle Committee) wishes to publicly thank those who have supported us so loyally. Without your help we could not have accomplished the things we have.

To those who have pledged your support we appreciate this and will be calling on you for we do still need your help.

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Wasatch Historical Society